

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 8 January 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240005528

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) for the period ending 27 June 1967 to show his Social Security Number (SSN) as [REDACTED] instead of [REDACTED]

APPLICANT'S SUPPORTING DOCUMENT(S) CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD:

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214
- Social Security Benefit Statement, 2023

FACTS:

1. The applicant did not file within the 3-year time frame provided in Title 10, U.S. Code, section 1552(b); however, the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) conducted a substantive review of this case and determined it is in the interest of justice to excuse the applicant's failure to timely file.
2. The applicant states his SSN on his DD Form 214 is incorrect.
3. The applicant provides a copy of his Social Security Benefit Statement from 2023, which shows his SSN as [REDACTED], the requested SSN.
4. The applicant did not provide a copy of his social security card.
5. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
  - a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 1 July 1964.
  - b. All documents in the applicant's records, to include his DD Form 4 (Enlistment Record – Armed Forces of the United States) and his DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record), list his Service Number and does not contain his SSN.

c. His DD Form 214 shows he was honorably discharged from active duty on 27 June 1967. His DD Form 214 shows the contested SSN, [REDACTED].

6. By regulation, in effect at the time, for the SSN, transcribe the social security account number from DA Form 2139 (Military Pay Voucher).

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was warranted. The Board carefully considered the applicant's record of service, documents submitted in support of the petition and executed a comprehensive and standard review based on law, policy and regulation. The applicant used the contested social security number (SSN) during his entire period of service. The Board agreed the evidence presented does demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. One potential outcome was to deny relief based on regulatory guidance and maintain the integrity of the applicant's records. However, upon review of the applicant's petition, available military records, the Board determined the overall merits of this case are sufficient as a basis for correction of the records of the individual concerned.

2. The Board found this as an administrative error by one digit. Additionally, the Board recommended the applicant seek assistance through the social security administration office for correction of his social security number and they will be able to merge them as well and notify the department of veteran affairs of the correction. Based on this, the Board granted relief to correct the applicant's SSN to read as shown on his social security benefit statement. The Army has an interest in maintaining the integrity of its records for historical purposes. The information in those records must reflect the conditions and circumstances that existed at the time the records were created. In the absence of evidence that shows a material error or injustice, there is a reluctance to recommend that those records be changed.

BOARD VOTE:

<u>Mbr 1</u>	<u>Mbr 2</u>	<u>Mbr 3</u>	
:	XXX	XXX	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
XXX	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending his DD Form 214 for the period ending 11 April 1986 by showing his social security number as listed on his social security benefit statement.

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CHAIRPERSON

I certify that herein is recorded the true and complete record of the proceedings of the Army Board for Correction of Military Records in this case.

REFERENCES:

1. Title 10, U.S. Code, section 1552(b), provides that applications for correction of military records must be filed within 3 years after discovery of the alleged error or injustice. This provision of law also allows the ABCMR to excuse an applicant's failure to timely file within the 3-year statute of limitations if the ABCMR determines it would be in the interest of justice to do so.
  
2. Army Regulation 635-5 (Separation Documents), in effect at the time, prescribed the separation documents prepared for Soldiers upon retirement, discharge, or release from active military service or control of the Army. It established standardized policy for the preparation of the DD Form 214. It provided a brief, clear-cut record of active Army service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. The version in effect at the time stated for Item 3 (SSN), transcribe from DA Form 2139 (Military Pay Voucher).
  
3. Army Regulation 635-8 (Separation Processing and Documents), currently in effect, provides the policies and procedures for separation documents. It states for block 3, SSN, verify accuracy by reviewing initial enlistment contract and/or application for appointment. If the Soldier has had more than one SSN, list the other SSN of record in block 18 (Remarks).

//NOTHING FOLLOWS//